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Editorial.

CANADIAN RECIPROCITY.

We are glad to see indications from Washington that the action of Congress will be likely to be averse to the renewal of the reciprocity treaty with Canada. We feared that the pressure would be too great and the log rolling too well managed for the virtue of the members of Congress to resist, that the manufacturing interest would carry the day in the face and eyes of the greater but less influential agricultural interest of the country.

The renewal of the reciprocity treaty would be the greatest blow to the farmers of the country who have endured patiently the necessary burdens of taxation and submitted with fortitude if not with cheerfulness to imports on all the foreign products consumed by them, that could be inflicted by a government upon a tax ridden people, and they ought to raise a loud and vigorous protest against it. It would admit the untaxed and low priced Canadian productions free of duty, or at any rate at a lower rate of tariff than upon similar products received from other countries.

Now all farmers ask for is equality in taxation. They do not ask for any favors as a class however numerous it may be, that they would not accord to any other class, and they look with jealousy upon the claims for special privileges of the few at the expense of the many. But where is the justice in subjecting the farming interest of this country to a killing competition in such products as wheat and wool and beef and all the various products of the farm, on a line of thousands of miles in extent for the benefit of those who have to bear none of our burdens and for the benefit of a few manufacturers who are in need of Canadian products and desire to get them as low as they can?

Take the matter of wool alone. The renewal of the treaty would bring in a class of wool which we need no doubt, and which the manufacturer must have, but which we can produce for ourselves just as well as the farmers over the border. What a stimulus the introduction of combing wool free would give to every wool grower in Canada. Let us take hold and grow it ourselves rather, and not attempt to discourage its production by our own farmers, who are slow enough anyway to take advantage of the demand and the high price it now brings.

We are well aware that some advantages may accrue to ourselves by a renewal of this treaty, but upon the whole it bears so hard upon the farming interest throughout the country that we are unconditionally opposed to its renewal, and should regard it as the greatest calamity that could happen to the farming interests of the country. There are certain products of Canada that we need, and no doubt their free introduction would promote our interests as well as theirs. We need their coal, not that we have not an abundance of it ourselves, but because the unrighteous combinations among the dealers in that article have placed them beyond the pale of sympathy and justice to the people, requires that they should no longer be placed at the mercy of speculators in this prime necessity of life. But in opening the door for coal, there is no reason why we should open it to wool and wheat, and we call upon every farmer to oppose it by his active protest.

LICE ON CATTLE.

A subscriber desires us to give the simplest and most effective remedy for lice on cattle. Rub their hides well with an ointment made of cayenne pepper, or Scotch snuff mixed with hog's lard. Anybody can make it. Any kind of oil or soft grease mixed with Scotch snuff and well rubbed in will effect a cure, but to make sure work it is best to do it two or three time at intervals of some days, say a week between, so as to destroy any that may be hatched from eggs not destroyed by the first application.

Calves during their first winter are very apt to suffer from lice, and if not attended to will certainly suffer and come out miserably in the spring. All cattle in fact should be closely watched for these vermin, or before the owner is aware of it they may go through the whole herd. But the cattle that are most subject to lice are those that are poor in flesh from bad keeping, so that nature is unable to cast off the old coat, leaving an extra protection for lice.

☞ The Icelanders have a curious custom, and a most effectual one, of preventing horses from straying. Two gentlemen, for instance, are riding together without attendants, and wishing to alight for the purpose of visiting some objects at a distance from the road, they tie the tail of one horse to the head of the other, and the head of this to the tail of the former. In this state it is utterly impossible that they can move either backward or forward, one pulling one way and the other the reverse; and therefore, if disposed to meet at all, it will be only in a circle, and even then, there must be an agreement to have their heads in the same direction.

☞ At a late meeting of the New York Fruit Growers' Club it was stated that a gentleman in New Jersey kept from two hundred to three hundred barrels of apples, last winter, in perfect condition by simply piling them together in the open air and covering them with a quantity of salt hay.

Questions & Answers.

OYSTER SHELL LIME.

Editor Massachusetts Ploughman:

We write you making inquiries respecting the use of oyster shell lime (after its use at the gas works) on peat meadow land. How would it do to spread it broadcast and in the spring, plough and harrow. In what proportion if any, should it be used in the compost heap, with meadow muck and stable manure? By giving us the desired information through the columns of the *Ploughman*, you will much oblige,

Yours respectfully,
SANBORN & WADLEIGH.
Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 4, 1869.

It would do a great deal better to plough first, and then spread the lime and harrow it in. Lime should be kept near the surface, and it would not suffer any loss if it were not harrowed, but simply sown upon the surface to be worked in by the rains and by subsequent cultivation. There is no objection, however, to harrowing in.

It is not possible always to tell beforehand whether lime will benefit any particular soil or not. It is well therefore to experiment on a small scale at first. And as to the quantity, some soils that are very hungry for lime will take a great deal with benefit, or at any rate without injury, and it has often been applied at the rate of fifty to a hundred bushels per acre. We should far prefer to apply not over ten to twenty bushels per acre and apply it oftener. Still there need be no fear of applying too much, as if it does not improve the fertility of the soil it will not injure its productiveness. But we regard eight to ten bushels applied every two or three years better than fifty every five years.

There is no fixed rule for its use in the compost with muck. We should be governed by the soil on which we designed to use it, and the crop it was intended to cultivate with it. If on potatoes the more lime the better, and the same as a top dressing for clover. Let the quantity depend also on the price. If cheap and easily accessible it may be used more freely.

Where there is much acidity in the soil, as there is apt to be on peaty lands, we would use rather more lime than on a gravel or sweet sandy soil. It is better to get it as fresh as possible before it has lain too long and become carbonated, when its action is slower. Get it therefore as fresh slacked as you can, and apply it broadcast either as a top dressing on the land to be harrowed in. A small quantity thrown around potatoes soon after they come up, is good practice also.—[ED.

HOG CHOLERA.

Editor Massachusetts Ploughman:

I would like to inquire through the columns of the *Ploughman* for information concerning a disease in pigs bought in Brighton. Among others purchased, one fine shoat was taken with what I call the scours violent looseness. I made a warm pen for him, gave him warm drinks, and one-half an ounce of laudanum. His head was affected much and with the best of care for about thirteen days, die he would. Now, Mr. Editor, is there a local or contagious disease attending Brighton swine, if so, what is the cause, the effect, and management of, for perfecting a cure? Likewise what is the best work that treats on animals, the horse, cow and swine, from some common sense, practical man that is willing to impart his knowledge to mankind, say such a man as Andrew J. Fuller, practical horticulturist. His work on the culture of the grape and the strawberry, no cultivator should be without. If any of your boys, girls or men can give us any light on the subject, we are open to conviction and go in to help one another. Yours &c.,

DORCHESTER.
Dorchester, Dec. 7, 1869.

That is the hog cholera. The principal symptom is almost constant evacuations of a dark color, of a fetid odor and containing much bile.

We thought we had sufficiently ventilated this subject when we repeatedly and earnestly cautioned farmers in the *Ploughman* three years ago, against buying swine *to keep*, in Brighton market. It is never safe. The cars are infected, the pens are infected and the cholera is almost inevitable in all pigs that pass through Brighton. We could tell tales of losses that would astonish the natives of that respectable and odoriferous town, and alarm the whole community if it would do any good. These losses exceed thousands of dollars. It is believed that comparatively few are aware of their enormous extent. The pigs not only die themselves from the infection caught in the cars or the pens into which they are turned on their arrival from the West, but they convey this infection to large numbers of others with which they are brought into contact, and death is the almost certain result.

The only way to avoid these frequent and serious losses seems to be to raise our own swine or to purchase those only that are raised in the neighborhood from stock known to be healthy. The farmer who has lost swine from this disease popularly known as the "hog cholera," should also take the precaution not to put other hogs subsequently bought, into the pens occupied by those that have died. Such pens are infected, and it is with the utmost difficulty that this infection can be removed. It will be many months, perhaps years, before it will be safe to use the pens for the same purpose again. But this being Christmas, when we all delight in pleasant things, we will not dwell upon it. See Flint's Report for 1865, page 330.

NEW BRUNSWICK OATS.

Editor Massachusetts Ploughman:

I wish to inquire through the *Ploughman* if there is any difference between the New Brunswick barley and Excelsior oats. I send you a sample of what is claimed to be each, but I can see no difference in them, and also a sample of the Ober oats, which are an excellent kind. A Mr. Ober first found an oat in some coffee, eight or ten years ago; they are yellow, good yielders, and never lodge the straw, is the best for fodder; they show no signs of degeneration. I sowed a bushel of them, and New Brunswicks, and Norways, last spring, and on good ground, side by side, and they weighed when threshed, Ober, thirty-six, New Brunswick forty-five, Norways, thirty-four pounds, per bushel. JOSHUA MERRIAM.
Waterbury Centre, Vt.

The specimens of oats were duly received. How the New Brunswick oats got the name of barley in your neighborhood we do not understand. They are unmistakably oats, and bear a very strong resemblance to the Excelsior oats, which you forwarded with them.

We do not know exactly the origin of the New Brunswick oats. It is one of the new varieties that have appeared recently. A writer who has tried them thoroughly says: "Having purchased, in the spring of 1866, two bushels of the New Brunswick oats, and grown them with such astonishing success, for two successive seasons, without the slightest deterioration, I will briefly state my experience of their astonishing qualities. The two bushels above mentioned were sown in drill on three-quarters of an acre, the 10th day of April, 1866. The yield was forty-one bushels, weighing forty pounds by measure, equal to seventy-three bushels standard measure per acre. Last spring I drilled broadcast twelve acres, and harvested four hundred and eighty bushels, weighing forty-one pounds per bushel—equal to six hundred and fifty-six bushels standard weight.

"The average crop this season of our degenerated variety, varies from twenty to thirty bushels per acre, weighing twenty to twenty-eight pounds to the bushel, quality very inferior.

"In addition to the vast superiority of the New Brunswick oat, it ripens about one week earlier than our common varieties, and has heavy, stiff straw, which is not so liable to fall."

We thank Mr. Merriam for the samples sent, and would advise him to sow them a little farther apart, so as to keep them separate and pure, and experiment still farther with them.—[ED.

TURKEYS, DUCKS AND GEESE.

Editor Massachusetts Ploughman:

Please inform me through the *Ploughman* where I can obtain a pair of full blood bronze turkeys and the prices per pair, single or trio, and a pair of rouen ducks with price. Also a pair of Chinese geese, full blood, with price.

And oblige A SUBSCRIBER.
Laconia, N. H., Dec. 11, 1869.

As to the bronze turkeys, we cannot tell who has them for sale. Whoever has would do well to advertise.

J. DeWolf Perry, Esq., of Bristol, R. I., is a breeder of rouen ducks, and when we heard of them last they were very fine. D. B. Worley of Whiting, Vt., and S. & W. S. Allen of Vergennes, Vt., have them also.

Jas. S. Campbell, Esq., of Westboro', Mass., has splendid white China geese. We do not know the price, but probably about $10 to $12 the pair.

WEIGHT OF CROPS.

Editor Massachusetts Ploughman:

Will you please publish the standard weight, per bushel, of the different grains and vegetables, and oblige a constant reader of the *Ploughman*, and

SON OF A SUBSCRIBER.
South Hingham, Dec. 4, 1869.

The following are the rules of measure, practiced and adopted by the State Board of Agriculture.

Wheat, potatoes, sugar beets, mangel wurtzel, ruta-bagas, white beans and peas, sixty pounds to the bushel.

Corn and rye, fifty-six pounds to the bushel.

Oats, thirty-two pounds to the bushel.

Barley and buckwheat, forty-eight pounds to the bushel.

Cracked corn, corn and rye, and other meal, except oat, and English turnips, fifty pounds to the bushel.

Parsnips, forty-five pounds to the bushel.

Carrots, fifty-five pounds to the bushel.

Onions, fifty-two pounds to the bushel. —[ED.

THE ONION FLY.

Editor Massachusetts Ploughman:

I wish to inquire through the *Ploughman*, what will keep off the onion fly, and the best way to destroy the maggot if the fly gets the start and lays the egg. Yours respectfully,

S. HARRINGTON,
Warden of Milford Town Farm.
Milford, Dec. 6, 1869.

Mix hot water and tar in equal quantities; let it stand a few hours after stirring well, then sprinkle upon the onions in June after they are up. Repeat in ten days if necessary. That will keep off the fly. Now for the maggot. If it comes to that, you can, if you have the courage, pour a stream of boiling water upon the rows, after the onions get three or four inches high, and when it is found that the worms are at work.

This has been repeatedly tried and proved effectual, killing the worms and saving and refreshing the plants. This would do on a small scale, but would be tedious on a large patch and rather expensive to boil a sufficient quantity of water.

Will some of the readers of the *Ploughman* please state their mode of treatment in similar cases.—[ED.

TO DRAIN A CELLAR.

Editor Massachusetts Ploughman:

Dig a ditch in the cellar as close to the wall as is safe, on all sides two feet deep; take three planks, make them into a spout, tip it bottom side up in the ditch (tile will answer the same purpose) place back the dirt, dig your cellar, drain as deep as the bottom of the ditch, and you will not be troubled with a damp cellar.

JOSHUA MERRIAM.

TRIMMING FRUIT TREES.

Editor Massachusetts Ploughman:

In a late number of the *Ploughman*, I noticed an article on "Trimming Trees," recommending to do the work in November. I have had some experience in the tree line, and have come to the conclusion that the work should be done the last week in June, or the first week in July, for two reasons; First, the trees will not bleed, because the leaves control the sap, and second, because the wounds will begin to heal before the leaves fall. If done in November, the wound dries back under the edge of the bark, and the healing is delayed one year at least.

I have trimmed nursery trees two and three years from the bud in December, and the next spring some of them would be dead above where the limbs were cut off.

TWENTY-NINE YEARS AMONG THE TREES.
Worcester, Dec. 1869.

— A Southern paper mentions the case of an eighty-acre farm that had become so exhausted as to yield but four or five bushels of wheat per acre, but by the use of clover as a green crop had been made to produce, this year, from 20 to 25 bushels of wheat per acre.

MILK PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION.

Editor of the Massachusetts Ploughman:

It seems to me that the Report of Secretary Round, of the Milk Producers' Association, and your report of the remarks of Dr. Loring, at their annual meeting last Tuesday, reflect rather more severely upon the integrity of the Milk Dealers of Boston, than anything I have heard, or read, of late.

As regards the price of milk, the Secretary says, "We have consented to sell our milk at our doors for *less than one half* the price obtained from the consumer." Now, as there need be no secrecy in this business, allow me to say to you that we who are purchasing milk in Westboro and vicinity, (except the Milk Producers' Association of Westboro' and vicinity, who pay four cents per can less), pay fifty cents per can, for nine and five eighths quart cans at the farmer's door. We collect it, load it into the car, ice it when it needs it, furnish cans at great expense, in which to transport it, pay nearly thirty-six dollars per day freight and teams with which to deliver it to customers in Boston, for seventy cents per can, the utmost price we charge under any circumstances, delivered, please understand, to the consumer, not by the quart, but by the can.

We believe, from years of experience, that supplying families is not an item never has been a paying business, and do but very little of it; that the extra expense attending its delivery, and the loss by bad debts, which is always a large proportion of our entire sales, more than balance the extra price received of said families; but even if we did incur this extra expense and succeeded in getting our pay to the last cent, we should get eighty-six cents per can of the pint and quart customer, and I would like to ask the Secretary, who probably knows all these facts as well as I do, if that is *more or less* than double the price which the farmer receives? But, as I said before, we sell, I might say, *all* our milk, for twenty cents per can in advance of what we pay the farmer, paying all the expenses ourselves, and this we believe to be by far the most profitable way for us, so that the farmer actually receives two and one half times as much for raising it, as we do for transporting and selling it. And I am quite certain what I say of our own business is equally true as regards the business generally, although there possibly may be localities, or rare exceptional cases, where the expenses of getting it to market are such that the farmer does not get so large a proportion of the receipts as we pay. As regards adulteration, I shall have to content myself by simply stating what I know to be the facts, that the Secretary's statements in regard thereto are wild exaggerations, and even ten-fold more so than those in regard to prices. In answer to Dr. Loring's remarks, I send you a report from one of the daily papers, which I would like to have you publish in connection with this, which is the substance of the reply I took the liberty to make before the Association. WHITTEMORE ROWELL.
Westboro', Mass., Dec. 11, 1869.

MILK PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION.

CONCLUSION OF TUESDAY'S SESSION.

The New England Milk Producers' Association at the Meionaon in the afternoon, voted to add two more to the directors, and chose a committee of finance.

Whittemore Rowell, a milk dealer in Boston, spoke relative to the supply of milk and its adulteration. Up to thirty-two years ago this city was supplied with milk from the immediate vicinity. When milk was first brought from Westboro' it was brought in loads and in small quantities. Fifteen years ago, when he engaged in the business, it was difficult for the Westboro' Company to dispose of three hundred cans a day, and the supply is two hundred, now coming from Northboro' and Southboro', formerly a part of the same supply, four cars a day, with from five hundred to six hundred cans each are sent to market. The Fitchburg road, over which twenty-two years ago but three hundred cans were sent, now sends to market seven cars of six hundred apiece. Agreeing with Dr. Loring in the number of cows kept in the State, it was his belief that nearly double the number were kept in the milk districts, while less were kept in other sections. The increase of milk was from this source and the better feeding of cows. The cows might not increase in proportion to the population, but milk did, for in many country towns they send all their milk to Boston, instead of making a portion of it into butter as they formerly did; and they now obtain all their butter which is brought from out the State, in the Boston market.

Mr. Belknap of Westboro', thought there were one-fourth more cow in Westboro' and vicinity, but agreed in the statement relative to better feeding.

Mr. Rowell denied that the regular milk dealers watered their milk; the little watering done was by farmers themselves.

Mr. Round, the Secretary, der ared that if he had time, he could substantiate his statements.

Mr. Rowell replied that if he could he would be willing to pay the expenses of the Association for several years, and another dealer offered to give the Secretary $1000 if he could do so. Mr. Rowell also denied the feasibility of the plan of Dr. Loring, in farmers sending their milk to market to advantage.

Adjourned to meet on the first Tuesday in January, at Groton Junction.

CATTLE DISEASE IN EUROPE.

The cattle disease prevalent in Europe at the present time, has caused the issue of the following circular to collectors of customs by the Secretary of the Treasury:

SIR—The department is advised that a contagious disease affecting the hoof and mouth of neat cattle and other animals is now prevalent in Europe, and as it is of the utmost importance that the introduction of this disease into the United States shall be prevented, you are hereby instructed not to allow the landing of any animals brought into your port from England or from the Continent of Europe, except upon the production of a consular certificate that they are free from any contagious disease, and that no such disease prevails in that part of the country from whence exported. All regulations heretofore issued which are inconsistent with these instructions are hereby rescinded.

I may also add that under date of the 29th of October last the Secretary of State was requested by this department to instruct consular officers not to give certificates to persons shipping cattle to the United States, except in cases where the animals have been examined by a government inspector or other expert and pronounced free from disease; and further that no animals coming from the vicinity of the disease are to be certified by the Consul.—I am, very respectfully

GEORGE S. BOUTWELL.
Secretary of the Treasury.

GIRDLED TREES.

It may be a matter of interest to some of our readers to state that girdled fruit trees can be saved; and we see no good reason why the same treatment will not have the same effect upon all trees. The experiment has been tried with satisfactory results. The method is as follows:—To graft five or six scions, as large around as a pipe stem, and long enough to reach over the girdled place into the tree. First notch the live bark above and below the girdle, then spring the shoots or scions into these notches and fasten the ends with wax. The principle is, that the scions grow rapidly and spread over the girdled surface. We have been told by a gentleman who gave this method a trial that he saved some very fine fruit trees in this way, after they had been apparently ruined by the gnawing of mice.

FAIR EXCHANGE IS NO ROBBERY

The following transaction has come to light in New Fairfield, Conn.: "Two dairymen who use the same spring for the purpose of cooling their milk, recently discovered that their milk was unprofitably thin, and came to the conclusion that somebody was robbing them. The other night they happened at the spring, and each discovered to his utter astonishment, that the milk was being stolen, and the vacuum being supplied with water by—the other."

Farmers' Omnibus.

— The cane crop of the West Indies promises an abundant yield.

— The exports of cheese from New York for the week ending Oct. 5th, were 27,000 boxes.

— Texas has more than 3,000,000 head of cattle, and can export, annually, 1,000,000 beeves.

— The price of lands in some portions of Alabama has advanced 100 per cent. in two years.

— The live stock in Connecticut this year is valued at $24,688,141; in 1860 it was $11,311,079.

— A mountain apple of the *gloria mundi* species in California, weighs 33 ounces and is 17 1-2 inches round.

— Twenty years ago Pennsylvania was the largest wheat producing State in the Union; now it is about the twelfth on the list.

— A prominent New York farmer believes that the loss to farmers who do not cook food for stock is from 20 to 40 per cent.

— A Virginia calf is given to turkey eating, and even before Thanksgiving, made way with thirteen of this breed of poultry.

— The *Rural New Yorker* recommends mixing wheat that has a musty smell with slaked lime. It says the lime will sweeten it and not injure the grain.

— The average hen production of wheat in England for the three past years is stated at 12,278,666, and the importation at 8,413,312 quarters.

— The sunflower, having been proved to be a disinfectant of the miasma causing intermittent fever, is to be extensively planted in the fever stricken districts of Italy.

— Always loosen the check rein before giving the horse water. Even if the pail is held so high that the rein is not drawn tight, the position is not a natural one in which to drink.

— The curry comb should not be neglected; its use on all kinds of neat stock and horses is a great preventive of disease and vermin, and is productive of health.

— Hops, in Otsego County, New York, command 20 cents per pound. It is now known that the hop crop of the world is short this year, and the price of hops must necessarily advance.

— During the last eighteen years ending with 1868, the entire shipments of butter on the Erie Canal amounted to 1,304,388, and of cheese, aggregated 20,770 1-2 tons, and of cheese, 9,692 1-2 tons.

— There is an orange tree in Los Angeles, Cal., on one-half of which hang 500 ripe oranges, while the opposite branches are thickly covered with fresh blossoms, which load the air with their rich aroma.

— It has been discovered by careful experiments in Charleston that the weight of a bale of cotton varies slightly with the temperature. A fall of ten degrees in the thermometer causes a bale of cotton to gain about a pound and a half in weight.

— The first class that graduated at the New Jersey Agricultural College consisted of seven young men, of whom one is a farmer, one a railroad engineer, one a mechanical engineer, one a geologist, one a mineralogist, and two are teachers.

— In a forest tree lately cut down in Wisconsin was found an Indian arrow head, completely embedded and grown over. It appears, from counting the layers of wood over it, that ninety years have elapsed since the arrow which it tipped was shot at the tree.

— It is suggested that the absorbent properties of dry earth, of which such excellent use is made in the recently introduced earth closets, can also be taken advantage of in horse and cattle stables.

— A horse that is in the harness every day needs an abundance of food, and the right kind. Oats make more muscle than corn, and should always form part of the food of a hard working horse. Corn gives plumpness, and imparts warmth. The colder the weather, the more corn; the harder the work, the more oats.

— The Vineland, N. J., fruit growers are indignant at the misdeeds of the New York fruit commission men who come down there in the spring with fine promises that they never redeem. They say it is necessary to have an outside man to telegraph them the condition of the market, and to have a spy to watch the dealers. They propose to reform the thing in some way.

THE ARMY WORM.

"The Fox sometimes proves to be the Friend."

We have heard of the Army Worm, sometimes passing through a wheat field when the wheat was nearly ripe and doing good service by devouring all the chess and leaving uncouched the wheat, but the following item from Collinsville, Illinois, which we clip from the *Missouri Democrat*, contains still more startling facts:

"HARVEST AND CROPS.—Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, many farmers have commenced the wheat harvest. The yield in this immediate vicinity will be superabundant. Some fields were struck with a rust a few days since, but the Army Worm making its appearance simultaneously, stripped the straw entirely bare of blades and saved the berry from injury. These disgusting pests have saved thousands of dollars to farmers in this neighborhood. A few fields of corn and grass have been partially destroyed, but by ditching around fields, the worms' ravages have been confined within comparatively narrow limits." — *American Entomologist.*

CLEANING PORK BARRELS.

If you would look closely you would find small brown eggs on the hoops and in rough places around the barrel. After turning off the brine and taking off the top layer of meat, spread a cloth over the rest, and with strong hot suds wash the inside, rinse and rub dry, serving the cover and outside of the barrel in the same way. Use a broom outside, as the water can be used hotter. Now wash the meat taken off, place back in the barrel with more salt sprinkled between the pieces, scald and skim the brine, (but not in a tin boiler,) add more water and salt, put on a weight, and be sure and keep the meat under the brine. Do not turn the cover over to cut meat on, or allow any bits which have been cut off to go back in the barrel. Keep the cover on closely. If necessary, repeat the process, but it will hardly be.

I should like to say to some other housekeepers, pick all the scraps out of the barrel, if not rusty or spoilt by coming in contact with the air, cut in small bits, fry brown, then turn off the fat and break eggs in, and stir, when it is ready for the table. Bits of boiled pork may be used in this way.—*Cor. Rural New Yorker.*

THE POTATO OR TOMATO WORM.

SPHINX 5-Maculata.

The following communication and extract awaits reply:

TOMATO WORMS.—(*A Cit., New York, September* 22, 1869.) What about the following frightful story? Is it safe to plant tomatoes?

"It was taken from a tomato vine in his garden, and is now securely enclosed in a glass bottle. It eats and digests twenty times its own weight of tomatoes and tomato leaves: It eats constantly, except resting occasionally from one to two minutes. This worm was first discovered this season, and is as poisonous as a rattlesnake. It poisons by throwing spittle, which it can throw from one to two feet. This spittle striking the skin, the parts commence at once to swell, and in a few hours death ends the agonies of the patient. Three cases of death in consequence of this poison have recently been reported. The medical profession is much excited over this new enemy to human existence. It is advisable for persons picking tomatoes to wear gloves. The question arises whether or not a tomato partly devoured by one of these vermin, and then afterward eaten by a person may not have sufficient virus left upon it to poison the one who eats it?"

The paragraph is credited to the Carthage (N. Y.) *Republican.*

We have seen several accounts of this marvellous worm, and have always supposed it to be an invention of the dealer in marvels, who writes from the inaccessible region of South-western Kentucky. Nothing of the sort is known in the horticultural world, and we have seen no evidence in medical journals of the excitement referred to among physicians. Let us fondly hope that we may long continue to enjoy our tomatoes, without being spit upon at long range by venomous bugs.—*Evening Post.*

The above article appeared in the *Christian Register* of last week, and I beg leave to correct the wrong impression given by the *Evening Post.*

Last summer in Alleton, Frank Mento, a young man, while picking tomatoes felt a sharp sudden sting, or rather bite, as it appeared as if a piece of skin had been taken out of his arm, and on looking to see what caused it, found a large tomato worm. He suffered some pain during the night, and the next morning his arm began to swell and continued until it was double its usual size and for a week he was unable to use it.

This, I believe, is not an exceptional case, and it is only right that farmers should understand that there is a vile hostile worm, which should be taught proper respect for man or be eradicated. The latter course is the better one. W.

The above accounts are such that the uninitiated would be misled in regard to the habits and characteristics of this worm. The tomato worm is the larva of the five spotted sphinx, or tiger moth, as it is often called. A figure of which insect is given above.

The chrysalis is bright brown in color, "with a long and slender tongue case, bent over from the head so as to touch the breast only at the end, and somewhat resembling the handle of a pitcher as figured above. This remains in the ground through the winter, below the reach of frost, and in the following summer the skin bursts open, a large moth crawls out of it, comes to the surface of the grounds, and mounting upon some neighboring plant, waits till the approach of evening invites it to expand its untried wings and fly in search of food. The eggs are soon deposited and from them are hatched the worms, which at first are very small, but which feeding abundantly on the stalks and leaves of the plant, which form their natural food, increase rapidly in size until they become of the appearance and dimensions given above. Regarding the venomous character of this worm Charles V. Riley, the State Entomologist of Missouri, says: "Many persons are afraid to handle this worm, from an absurd idea that it has the power of stinging with the horn on its tail. But this is a vulgar error, and the worm is totally incapable of doing any direct harm to man either with the conspicuous horn on its tail, or with any hidden weapon that it may have concealed about its person. In fact, this dreadful looking horn is not peculiar to the potato worm, but is met with in almost all the larvæ of the large and beautiful group to which it belongs (Sphinx family.)"

Mr. Walsh, another careful writer and observer says: "I scarcely supposed that anybody would for a moment believe such silly nonsense; but as I find that a great many do actually believe it, I take this opportunity to state that the whole story is fabricated out of whole cloth. The horn in the tomato worm's tail is not a sting, neither can it penetrate the human flesh, and even if it did there is no poison bag attached to it, so that the result would be no more serious than a wound from a needle."

The Dairy.

THE AMERICAN DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

We have received the following notice of the fifth annual Convention of the American Dairymen's Association, to be held in the city of Utica, N. Y., on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 12 and 13, 1870.

Prof. G. C. Caldwell, of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., will deliver an address on "*Fermentation and Putrefaction in their relations to the manufacture of Cheese.*" which subject will necessarily include a consideration of the nature of rennet.

Prof. James Law, of Cornell University, will present a paper on "*The Feeding of Cattle as affecting their health and produce.*" Prof. Law will likewise take occasion to remark upon the various prevalent diseases now afflicting the various herds of America.

Prof. A. N. Prentiss, also of Cornell University, will address the Convention on the subject of "*Ergot,*" tracing its history and prevalence in former times; also its natural history, showing how it germinates, grows, and is reproduced, illustrated with diagrams and black board sketches.

It is anticipated that the $100 prize article on "*The claims of Cheese as a wholesome, nutritious and economical article of food,*" will be read before the Convention.

Aside from the papers and addresses already indicated, the subjects likely to receive most attention at this meeting are:

1. Natural heat and odor of milk.
2. Rennet, its nature and effects.
3. The treatment of acidity in cheese-making.
4. Floating curds — their causes — best treatment.
5. Shall the objects and attention of this Association be so enlarged as to include the subject of butter-making?

Ample opportunity will be afforded for the introduction of such other timely and suitable topics as members may desire to discuss. It will devolve upon the individual members of the Association in a very large degree, to fill up the sessions of the Convention with matter of interest and profit.

Gentlemen intending to speak upon either of the subjects indicated, or upon those of their own selection, will confer a favor by notifying the Secretary prior to the meeting.

Factory reports of operations and results for the season of 1869, should be handed to the Secretary at the Convention, or sent to him by mail, very soon after.

Tickets of admission to all the sessions of this Convention $1 each. Ladies free. Fifty cents additional constitutes the person a member of the Association until Jan. 1871; entitles him to the next annual report, and to such other documents and circulars as may be sent out by the officers of the Society during the year.

HORATIO SEYMOUR, *President.*
GARDNER B. WEEKS, *Sec.*
Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1869.

The Sheepfold.

RAISING LAMBS FOR THE BUTCHER.

Farmers who breed lambs for the butcher and wish to have them dropped early should remember that the time of gestation in a ewe is five months, and should regulate the time of coupling accordingly. Ewes should be provided with shelter at the time of dropping their lambs, and each one should have an apartment to herself. Great losses are sustained by flock masters for want of this accommodation at this particular period.

Ewes should be kept in good condition—should have some grain, peas or beans fed to them daily, in small quantities, for a month or six weeks before lambing, and the quantity increased afterwards. The lambs should be encouraged to eat some corn meal which they will soon learn to do, and should be fed every day. This will bring them early into fine condition for the butcher, at which time they will bring the highest price.

By getting the lambs off early, the ewes, with good pasture, will soon be in good condition for the butcher also. Ewes intended for breeding the next winter should be purchased early so as to become reconciled to their new home and get in good condition for wintering before the pasture fails. In raising lambs for the butcher, of whatever breed the ewes may be, they should be crossed with a Southdown buck. By doing so the lambs will be large, vigorous and ready early for the butcher.

INFLAMMATION OF THE LUNGS IN SHEEP.

This disease

the market, and a milk depot, with conveniences for distribution, are all that the farmer requires. A milk inspector at such a depot, and a little protection on the part of the consumer, are alone necessary to protect him against the imposition of which he now complains.

The remedy which I here suggest, interferes with no man, and no man's business. It may be impracticable. But believing as I do in securing to the farmer as much remuneration as possible for his labor, and believing in the possibility of making the milk producing sections of the State more prosperous than they now are, I submit my views for candid consideration.

GEO. B. LORING.

SALEM, Dec. 11, 1869.

The Ploughman.

BOSTON, SATURDAY, DEC. 25, 1869.

PREMIUMS.

To any person sending us two new subscribers with $5.00, cash in advance, we will forward one copy of **Worcester's Comprehensive Dictionary**, New Edition, Revised, 612 pages, the publisher's price of which is $1.90.

To any person sending us seven new subscribers with $17.50, cash in advance, we will forward one copy of **Worcester's celebrated Royal Quarto Dictionary, Illustrated**, 1854 pages, the price of which is $10.00.

For Two New Subscribers.

To any one who will send us two new subscriber with five dollars, we will give any one of the following valuable books, which should be in the hands of every agriculturist.

New Book of Flowers, by Joseph Breck eautifully illustrated, the price of which is $1.75.

Milch Cows and Dairy Farming, by Chas. L. Flint, Secretary Mass. State Board of Agriculture, the retail price of which is $2.50.

Flint's Treatise on Grasses and Forage Plants. $2.50.

Garden Plants of America, and How to Cultivate them, by Fearing Burr, $2.50.

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All the above are all copiously illustrated and elegantly bound.

For seven subscribers and $17.50, sent by any one person, we will give the four books,

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We will give any one of the following elegant volumes on Horticulture:

Flowers for the Parlor and Garden, elegantly illustrated, and beautifully printed on fine tinted paper, $3.00.

The Book of Roses, illustrated, containing full directions how to cultivate—and list of all the principal varieties grown in this country, by Francis Parkman, $3.00.

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Bulbs—A Treatise on Hardy and Tender Bulbs and Tubers, by Edward Sprague Rand, Jr. Illustrated, $3.00.

These volumes are all illustrated, printed and bound in the best manner, and both ornamental and useful to a lady of taste, no present would be more acceptable. We will send the four to any one who will send ten subscribers, and $25.00.

Any person, already a subscriber, who will send us one new subscriber with payment in advance, will receive as premium any one of the following publications for children, for one year:

The Youths' Companion.
The Nursery.
The Student and Schoolmate.
Our Boys and Girls.
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The Riverside Magazine.
Our Young Folks.

MILK PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION.

A SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE MILK PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION of Massachusetts and New Hampshire will be held at **Groton Junction, on TUESDAY, Jan. 4th, 1870, at 10 o'clock.**

The following questions will be discussed:

1st. What is the best method of raising milk?

2d. What are the benefits of the Association?

A full attendance of distinguished gentlemen have agreed to be present and address the meeting. All Milk Producers are invited to attend as it will be a meeting of unusual interest.

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SANTA CLAUS.

The Christmas myth that dances in the heads of children when they sleep, and stretches open their eyes wider when awake, never parts company with them to the latest day of their lives. Santa Claus is our Christmas Saint, who comes down the chimney. He waits till the house is hushed. He steps about the floor in the white wintry moonlight. His wagon and prancers he has left on the roof where the chimney springs from it, but his own back is bent with the burden of his oddly assorted favors for the young folks. He may have come from the sheet-warm and capacious fireplaces of Old England, but he is fairly domesticated on our hearths at last. With flaxen poll, twinkling eyes, ruddy round cheeks, and merry smile, he is just the little man to make glad children believe all of the very best things in the world can be crowded into a stocking. There would be a sorry vacancy in the domestic plan if Santa Claus were left out. Who would bring the frolicsome feeling, the gay satisfaction, the cheery chat, the laughing sympathy that makes this delicious social posset of Christmas, if our childhood's little old friend failed to unload them all each year from the heavy pack on his willing shoulders?

Myth or not, the *idea* is an inspiration. Santa Claus is the embodiment of that sentiment in every human heart which warns us against growing old and forgetful. Just so far as each one of us plays the part at this season for others' happiness, we renew to that extent our freshness and our youth, we become once more as children, we expand our feelings in the warm atmosphere of sympathy, and we add to our store of happiness by our gifts. Santa Claus preaches from this one text, that giving is loving. We make room for him regularly but once each year, but the season is given wholly to him, and shows the power of the discourse he brings along. You can detect the image of the little elf in the eye of all you meet in the streets. The flues are opened in every chimney for the admission of the sea-on's sooty divinity. The children do not talk of him more than their fathers and mothers do. The papers sketch his biography annually. In every household he is for the time more than Prince or President. Everything is put in readiness for him. The shops overrun with choice things for him to make his selections. Christmas trees grow in every corner for him to hang his tokens on, as fruit for young hands to pluck in winter. The turkey is roasted a little browner on one side, because it is understood that Santa Claus prefers a crispy cut of his favorite bird. This week, men may talk as earnestly as they will of business, and women may plan with unwonted zeal for winter's needs and comforts,—but all thoughts centre on Christmas nevertheless. That is the great event on our hands, and Santa Claus is its central character. Turn out, then, and give the pleasant little old man a warm welcome.

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It is not the dinner, nor the evening frolic, nor the day's distributed pleasures that color our Christmases, but the rosy morning hour, the strip of time betwixt daybreak and breakfast time, when the household is an unbroken whirl of juvenile jollification. So many little pates pressed early on their pillows, that their night visitor by the chimney may have the long hours in silence to himself; such restless tossings in disturbed dreams of what the day is to disclose; that flush of the cheek and brow even in slumber, under the pressure of the last waking thought before sleep caught them in its arms; these are the evening symptoms that delighted fathers and mothers step lightly about little beds to behold. With the earliest cockcrow in the country, and the first streak of gray over the town, the young people begin to stir. At first it is only a whisper, one calling low to the other. Then it grows louder, until the voices take familiar form. The knot are taking counsel under the warm bedclothes. What if Santa Claus had not yet come, and they should frighten him away! Self-restraint is a hard matter, and nothing but a dim fear of losing all makes it possible.

But as the light becomes brighter, and objects take distinctness around, the impulse grows irresistible. The whole company tear from their warm beds and troop off by the passageways down stairs. At first silently, but restraint lasts only a little while. They crowd in the entries; pass the doors of parents with resumed whispers; steal with quick-beating hearts up to the room in which their patron saint was to come down from the roof; and cautiously open the door, speaking not a word. The sign is given, as the looker sees the stockings hanging stuffed and safe in their places, and then the excited troop all bursts through. Such a buzz and clatter of young tongues! Such outbursts of wonder! Such a confusion of glee! Such a riot of merriment! Such oh-ing and ah-ing, showing and boasting, asking and explaining.

And do not father and mother catch the sounds of this Christmas morning's children's party in the dawn, and listen for every syllable through the just opened chamber door, with hearts as fully satisfied as those which beat too fast to stay quiet in bed? When the uproar has become general, and up stairs and down stairs no longer know silence and peace, the whole household bestirs itself too, and the fires begin to blaze, the table to smoke, and the happy circle to form. This is a sight to be seen only on this happy Christmas Day. The prattle is without beginning or end. Gifts are brought out and expatiated upon, as if they had never been seen before in that house of united hearts. The Christmas breakfast table is the year's brightest and best production. If parents could but manage to keep the love in the house for the twelvemonth which overflows them! If the morning sun that gilds this board could shine in always at the windows! But let us have it while we may. Morning and childhood are one. Youth and hope are the world's inspiration. And these are the free gifts of Christmas morning, which we sincerely hope may be a merry one indeed, for parents and children together.

OUR DUMB ANIMALS.

The Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has done a good work since its organization less than two years ago, showing that there was an ample field for its labors. The last number of the journal issued by the Society, gives the statistics of its labors in the way of bringing to justice the persons who have been guilty of violating the laws of the commonwealth and of humanity in this regard. The cases prosecuted number 114, and the causes were for beating and overdriving horses, working old, galled and lame horses, cruelty in transportation, failing to provide food, and various other causes. In addition to the prosecutions the agents of the Society have investigated and acted on about one thousand cases of various kinds, where the most judicious and effectual course to prevent future cruelty was found to be remonstrance, warning and the removal of the cause of cruelty. The policy of the Society has been one of conversion as well as conviction, to persuade and educate as well as arrest and prosecute. The agents are constantly on duty to carry out its beneficent purposes, and are rapidly securing the co-operation and support of, the community, in its endeavors to promote the cause which it has undertaken. It is observable to any fair mind that its influence is felt all over the State, in diminishing the amount of cruelty to animals, and it is well worthy of the support of all humane persons.

A public meeting was held at Worcester a few weeks ago, to consider the subject of the transportation of stock on railroads, and addresses were made by several gentlemen, among others, Dr. Geo. B. Loring, who discussed the subject in an agricultural point of view. The evils of the present abuses in transportation were fully discussed, and a series of resolutions was adopted. The public are becoming awakened to the subject, and at the request of the Society the directors of the Boston and Albany railroad have appointed a committee to investigate the charges of cruelty to animals transported over their road.

Mr. Angell, the President of the Society, will soon return from his tour over Europe, where investigation this matter, and the results of his observations will be of great value in giving force and efficiency to the operations of the Society.

MR. BURLINGAME'S MISSION.

Recent telegraphic reports state that the treaty negotiated between the United States and China has been ratified by the Chinese government, and it will soon be published as a law of the land. It is especially gratifying to us that our country has been the first in welcoming the overtures of this ancient kingdom to open its shores to a more extended commerce, and to the liberal ideas which lie at the foundation of intercourse between the more civilized nations of the world. Mr. Burlingame, according to recent reports, has been most triumphantly successful in his negotiations with European powers. His great struggle was in England, when he had to meet a strong feeling of jealousy toward season for others' happiness, we renew to that extent our freshness and our youth, we become once more as children, we expand our feelings in the warm atmosphere of sympathy, and we add to our store of happiness by our gifts. Santa Claus preaches from this one text, that giving is loving. We make room for him regularly but once each year, but the season is given wholly to him, and shows the power of the discourse he brings along. You can detect the image of the little elf in the eye of all you meet in the streets. The flues are opened in every chimney for the admission of the sea-on's sooty divinity. The children do not talk of him more than their fathers and mothers do. The papers sketch his biography annually. In every household he is for the time more than Prince or President. Everything is put in readiness for him. The shops overrun with choice things for him to make his selections. Christmas trees grow in every corner for him to hang his tokens on, as fruit for young hands to pluck in winter. The turkey is roasted a little browner on one side, because it is understood that Santa Claus prefers a crispy cut of his favorite bird. This week, men may talk as earnestly as they will of business, and women may plan with unwonted zeal for winter's needs and comforts,—but all thoughts centre on Christmas nevertheless. That is the great event on our hands, and Santa Claus is its central character. Turn out, then, and give the pleasant little old man a warm welcome.

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"TO THE RESCUE OF AMERICAN COMMERCE."

Such is the startling title of a brief missive from A. P. BLAKE, Esq., just issued and scattered broadcast among the people of Boston. More than this, the appeal is made to the "Young Men of Boston," certainly a sad indication that the FATHERS of our city are either absent, decrepit, or indifferent. It is, indeed, an appeal to the whole country, to spring to the rescue of "AMERICAN COMMERCE." Not the commerce of Boston, or New York, of Philadelphia or Baltimore, but the commerce of the American continent.

What does it mean? Has the *old* world become *young*, and the *new* world *old*,—that the ships of the foreigner are permitted to whiten our seas, and to subsidize our industry! Has poverty overtaken us in our condition of plenty and youth, is capital banished from our midst, the spirit of enterprise disheartened, that the cry of threatened disability can be heard with composure and indifference! WE TRUST NOT. Our affairs have become disjointed and confused. Enterprise has been impulsive, irregular and speculative. It has sought too much, and impatiently, new channels, with dreamy visions of improbable gain,—to sustain with success the solid and permanent interests of the country. Capitalists have deserted the homes of their own business, and scattered their means too much, to enable them to foster systematized industry, or to protect a remunerative commerce. Their faith is in capital, and dividends, and not in the leg timate profit of a well regulated industry. They forget that the wants of society embrace every variety of interests, and that the neglect of any one of them ends in ultimate loss to all. The inlets and outlets of commerce are as necessary to our material prosperity, as are the elements to the physical system of man. The industry of a nation is nothing to itself, without the control of the means of its advancement and self-protection. We must have our own producers, our own artists, our own mechanics, our own laborers, our own lands, our own farmers, our own waters, our own ships and sailors, our own railroads and carriers, our own capital. Create everything, borrow nothing, should be our motto, and we shall always have a competency, and a surplus to spare.

With a diversity of productive soil and climate, that makes us independent of the uncertainties of seed and season; with an inventive genius and native activity, unsurpassed by the most favored of the whole world,—the American people owe it to themselves, to their country, to the age in which they live,—not only to systematize their plans and energies with motives to practical ends,—but with direct reference to the uninterrupted growth, strength and permanent prosperity of the country. To "live and let live,"—is the fundamental law of life, whether we study the individual or the nation.

This movement of Mr. Blake is an important one. It is a necessity. It is the uncompromising result of neglect, and the people have no choice but to make it. Mr. Blake is the right man to lead it. He has faith in his mission and knowledge of the means of success. He has the spirit of perseverance, the courage of duty,—and surrenders only to insurmountable obstacles or difficulties. As **he sees that large rivers are made up of small streams,**—he appeals to the many as to the strength of the whole. As eternal truth is never impaired by age, but is ever young, he appeals to the young men with confidence in instant action. He believes in their common pride, and, more than that, he knows that when all are made to comprehend their **true interests,**—all will unite with an irrepressible spirit, not only to rescue American commerce, but to advance it,—that it may be in harmony with the future greatness of our common country. There is no place better than old Boston "to start the ball." It may be slow—but there is great wisdom and force in the language of Augustus Cæsar, whose motto was *Festina lente*—" MAKE HASTE SLOWLY."

Let the ball be started. There are no classes more interested in the great duty of keeping it in motion than the farmers,—the working men of the nation. Their labors are at home,—but their profits come from abroad. By littles the mountain is made, and by littles the mountain is moved. Let all who can promptly contribute small amounts to make the million, asked for by Mr. Blake, and the million thus secured will move the *millionaires* to active duty.

DEEPER YET.

More excavation is to be made on the Suez Canal before it will answer the requirement of vessels drawing the most water, that are rated on the list of those allowed to pass through. The first English vessel that attempted to make the passage was stuck, and compelled to retire. The Canal will be all right in due time; its opening was in one sense premature, as it was more for the ceremony than for commerce. But the energy of M. de Lesseps has wrought these ten years on this gigantic task, and there is not much doubt that it can hold out a few months more. The hard work is accomplished; what remains is but to finish it off, touch it up, and put the machinery in smooth running order. It is worthy of remark that England, which has poured cold water on this scheme from the very first, was on hand as soon as the clock struck with a vessel to be taken through in the interests of her ceaseless round of trade. Now that the ditch has been dug through, we have no suspicion that England will have the slightest objection to its being made as deep as possible.

HOUSEKEEPING ALL TOGETHER.

The new idea on the subject of Housekeeping has found a home and lodgment in our sister city of Cambridge, whence it stalks forth to revolutionize, if it can, but reform anyhow, the unthrifty and unsightly features of the system that now too widely prevails. It is the important item of servants that gives cause for all the trouble. To obviate this difficulty, a plan of co-operation is proposed by one of the leading ladies of Cambridge. She has recently been laying it before her sisters of New York. The whole scheme has not publicly transpired, but it is known to include a store in common, a laundry, a kitchen, and service on the same plan, all of which secures lower rates and better satisfaction, and saves untold fret beside. It will require a certain amount of subscribed funds to set the experiment fairly on foot, but we are assured that the prospect is promising for filling up the list of necessary subscribers.

UP AGAIN.

There is no sort of use in being cast down at obstacles, when we know as well as we want to that they are the only things that call out our powers. The Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad have of late been hindered in their prosperous progress by the gold panic of September and the necessities it entailed on a good many of its largest shareholders; but the management of this truly great enterprise has never been disheartened or bent from its course. A number of new directors, comprising some of our solidest business men, have lately been added to the list to fill resignations and vacancies, the understanding being that the road was to be pushed on to completion without delay. In consequence of this, the stock has taken a start and matters look brighter.

RESIGNATIONS. Rev. Dr. Gannett has resigned the pastorate of the Arlington street church. He is now nearly seventy years of age, and has been for over forty-five years connected with this society, having first been settled as colleague with Dr. Channing.

Rev. Dr. Bolles has resigned the rectorship of the Church of the Advent.

CONGRESS.

This body adjourned on Wednesday over the holidays. Several important matters have been acted on during the past week. The House has passed the census bill, and it has been referred to the Senate committee. The Senate and House for several days were debating a bill relating to the State of Georgia. The President in his message suggested to Congress, to enact a law authorizing the Governor of Georgia to convene the members of the old legislature, as it existed before colored members were expelled, requiring those members to take the oath required by the reconstruction laws, and to exclude those who could not take the oath. A bill was framed in accordance with the recommendation providing that representatives and Senators from Georgia should not be admitted to Congress till that was done, and the fifteenth amendment should be rectified. The bill passed both Houses after an earnest debate.

MINING ACCIDENTS.—Last Saturday morning a mine at Stockton, Penn., caved in, filling the shaft and tunnel, and carrying down two houses, which were buried in the ruins, and the occupants were killed. Ten persons in all lost their lives. The accident was caused by working the mine too near the surface—about twenty feet.

A mine at a place about a mile from the scene of the late Avondale disaster, took fire in the engine room the latter part of last week and greatly damaged the mine, and caused the death of one of the men in it.

GEORGE PEABODY. The British ship Monarch sailed on Monday with the remains of George Peabody on board. She will land them at Portland, as that is the only harbor it is safe for the Monarch to enter on account of her draught.

THE PUBLIC PARK. The committee on a new park for the city reported to the Board of Aldermen Monday, a recommendation that a petition be presented to the Legislature for an act to be passed authorizing the city to take or purchase land for a park, which was adopted.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

☞ *The Atlantic Monthly*, always the most attractive and popular magazine in New England, opens the volume of 1870 with a most interesting number, and the programme for the year shows that the publishers are fully impressed with the demands of this competing age, and have the highest ambition for success, and are masters of the situation. Now is the time to subscribe. *Our Young Folks*, also, takes a new start with the year, and makes a great step still forward in improved attractiveness both to the eye and the mind. Messrs. Fields, Osgood & Co., also announce an important improvement in *Every Saturday*, which they propose to enlarge and to add to its valuable and attractive literary characteristics, illustrations of artistic excellence. With most unlimited resources of talent at home and abroad, they intend to make it one of the handsomest, most tasteful and artistic publications of the kind. The size is to be enlarged and the price is to remain the same.

☞ *The Wonders of Pompeii*, translated from the French of Marc Monnier, is published by Scribner & Co., in their "Illustrated Library of Wonders." It is copiously and handsomely illustrated, and is a very interesting sketch of the **antiquities of the old Roman city.**

☞ *The Galaxy* for January **embraces a most inviting programme for 1870.** The contributors are among the ablest and most interesting magazine writers in the country. Charles Reade's novel "Put Yourself in His Place," will be continued, and the publishers offer to new subscribers the first part of this novel, handsomely illustrated, gratis.

☞ From Lee & Shepard we have received an elegant box enclosing a book of gems, and two *bijou* packs of cards to accompany them. The series is called "Patience," and is arranged by Mrs. B. D. Carney. They are described in a handsomely printed little volume. The whole is sold for $1 50. A nice present for the holidays.

☞ *The American Sunday School Worker*, announced a few weeks ago, has been issued by J. W. McIntyre, St. Louis. The January number is a neat pamphlet magazine, and is full of most appropriate articles by leading divines.—

☞ Madame Demorest's *Mirror of Fashion* for January is an elegantly illustrated and artistic magazine, full of literary gems, tasteful patterns and fine engravings. The price is $3 a year.

☞ J. A. Beecher, of Trenton, N. J., has commenced the issue of a magazine for the *Manhood of America*. The January number is well printed and well filled. $1 per year.

☞ *Godey's* for January has a most pleasing and well executed portrait of L. A. Godey, the publisher, for its frontispiece. The illustrations and contents show the highest taste and talent. *Godey's* keeps ahead of all.

☞ From A. Williams & Co., at the "Old Corner Bookstore," we have received the first number of "*Old and New*," a literary monthly magazine, issued by H. O. Houghton & Co., Boston. The articles are fresh and full of talent and the number is beautifully printed. The prospectus is very promising, and we welcome this on the list of our able magazine exchanges. The price is $4 00 a year.

☞ We desire to call attention to *Harpers' Bazaar*, as one of the most elegant, tasteful and artistic illustrated weeklies. It will be found especially attractive to ladies.

☞ The *Hearth and Home* comes to us this week with some very finely executed engravings and its pages are filled with valuable and entertaining matter, agricultural, literary, and amusements for the young, &c.

NEW MUSIC.—MESSRS. O. Ditson & Co., music publishers, are constantly issuing choice new music; of their late publications we have received the *Spinning Wheel*, a characteristic piece for the piano. The *Whippoorwill's Song*, with variations for the piano. *Passion Flower*, polka redowa. *Prince Arthur's Galop and March*, and *Delightful Wedding Mazurka*. Of songs and ballads we have *Darling, come Back, None Can Tell, Bother the Men, Turning of the Tide*, and *Horsefly, come Tickle Me*. Ditson & Co., Washington street, have a most extensive assortment of music on hand.

☞ The tenth and concluding part of Dr. A. S. Packard's *Guide to the Study of Insects* is just issued from the Naturalist's Book Agency, Salem. This number contains a full index. The treatise is most valuable to farmers and horticulturists. It is fifty cents a part.

☞ The *Nursery* for January is the best number yet issued, of this capital monthly for the very young. The illustrations are fresh and finely executed. It will be in great demand in all families of children. John L. Shorey, Boston, publisher, at $1 50 per year.

☞ Tenffyson's new volume, *The Holy Grail and other Poems*, has been handsomely issued by Fields, Osgood & Co. It has been impatiently awaited, and will fulfill the highest expectation. It is issued in three different styles, from ten cents to one dollar.

☞ *Putnam's Monthly* for January has articles on several exciting and interesting topics of the day; among others, on Cuba and Spain, which ably discusses the whole relations of the two countries. Father Hyacinthe is also the subject of an article, and with this a fine portrait of the Father is given. A wide awake prospectus is offered for 1870.

☞ *Oliver Optic's weekly magazine*, issued by Lee & Shepard, is one of the most fascinating and instructive publications for boys and girls that we have. The announcement for 1870 should be read by all parents. It is $2 50 a year, issued weekly.

☞ Hurd & Houghton's *Riverside Magazine* for January commences the new year with added attractions and offerings. It is one of the most beautiful and best illustrated magazines on the list.

☞ *A Happy New Year*, for children, is issued by W. J. Demorest, New York, as a supplement to his *Young America*, with a beautiful present of a handsome chromo of a bird. *Young America* is published at $1 50 a year.

WILLISTON'S "C. S. I. SIX CORD MACHINE THREAD."—This THREAD has been tried by good and impartial judges, and found to be equal to any produced. It is smooth, polished and strong. It works easily and without kink. Judging from the smiles of the ladies who have used and commended it, we do not hesitate to recommend it to our friends in unqualified terms.

EXTENSION OF WASHINGTON STREET.—The Board of Aldermen at their session last Monday passed the order for the extension of Washington street to Haymarket square.

READ AND RUN.

—We shall make out three good million bales of cotton for the last season's crop after all.

—Thirty-two millions of gold will shortly be put upon the market in a lump. It must steadily go down.

—Father Hyacinthe is put down in certain books as getting ready to marry a young Boston widow.

—Twenty-five tons of fat men had a ball in New York, leaving not so much as a grease spot on the floor after them.

—The floor of a Chicago church gave way during religious services, precipitating the assembly into the cellar, a distance of four feet.

—The newest justice of the Supreme Court is Edwin M. Stanton.

—Congress respects the Holidays like all the rest of us. It gives up to them.

—It has been decided that bitters are not liquors, within the view of the Internal Revenue.

—Boston is to have a fortnightly steamer now to Liverpool, and immigrants will then land, step on board the cars at Grand Junction Wharf, and reach their destination in Kansas and elsewhere without another care.

—There is a report that France promises to disarm if the other powers will, and agrees to set the example.

—Civil Service reform has got into the Senate in the form of a bill.

—"Pride"—says the Pope—"is the enemy of mankind and the author of revolution."

—The gunboats are on their way to Cuba.

—The last man of any importance interviewed is the head waiter of an Albany hotel.

—No use in singing back to the wind—" Oh, what's the use in sighing?"

—Cottages at Newport are being spoken for so early as this. Why not open the season now?

—Is the price of eggs fifty-five cents per dozen, owing to taxation or the currency?

—The New York *Post* says the Cardiff Giant is a "plant." Doubtless.

—Iowa ventures on the boast that within a month she will be clear of debt.

—The Suez Canal is called the "cut direct." We should say it was the cut across.

—The American bishops are expected to bring back Cardinal's hats from Rome.

—The meeting of the State Board at Pittsfield did a world of good by reviving agricultural enthusiasm in that section of the State.

—An old gentleman eighty-five years of age is mentioned as cutting salt-grass at Nantucket in December. A pretty tall grass story for the time of year.

—Napoleon, unlike the rest of ailing mortals, is better for being worse,—as the Paris doctors obligingly concur in stating.

—A couple of leisurely individuals, one residing in Germany and the other in New York, have just finished a game of chess ten years in duration.

—Poor folks needn't apply for the Spanish Crown, since they will be expected to supply their own jewels.

—The Christmas purchases have been carried off by the cartloads through the week.

—We are passing through our shortest days of the year. Look out for long days and short columns of mercury next.

—The gunboats may go, but Cuba is nevertheless bound to be free.

—The Dr. Lewis, who kidnapped his little daughter from the custody of her mother at the St. James Hotel, in this city, has been discovered with the child in New York by detectives. He will be returned and tried as a felon.

—Cape Cod is to be canalled—at any rate the talk is very earnest that way, and the saving of time and vessels is estimated at large figures.

—To name a ship of war the Terrible, and then to have her a calf of an affair, is a good deal more reprehensible than terrible.

—California is about putting forth efforts to induce a current of European immigration, to counteract the tide of Asiatics.

—They cannot exactly say in New York **whether they have got a tunnel begun in Broadway, or it is only a pneumatic railway started.**

—We are certainly having open and fine winter weather for the Holiday season.

—Cheap postage and no franking privilege is the new cry.

—The almost universal call is for a large reduction of the taxes.

—Canada believes in powder and ball, the first thing, for Winnepeg.

—Mr. Peabody's remains will be landed from the British squadron at Portland, where they are to be properly received.

—It is probable that the Alabama claims will be next discussed **treaty-wise in Washington.**

—England professes now to believe in no colonial principle or policy but that founded on affection.

—Spain does not really know what to do with herself.

—The Young Men's Christian Association of this city is engaged on a big Fair in Music Hall, the object being the erection of a building for their special use.

—Mrs. John Wood, the American actress in London, is reported to have been left thirty thousand dollars by Mr. George Peabody.

—Between one and two hundred American citizens colonize in Florence.

—Girls are now admissible to Oxford University as students in course.

—Buhoer is sixty-four years old, very deaf, and in ill health, but he is engaged in translating the Latin Poets, and keeping his faculties bright and clear.

—The alliance between France, Russia and Anstria is believed to have certainly been projected, and will no doubt be accomplished.

—"A marriage is arranged to take place," &c.—is the style of notices of that kind in England.

—Urbino, a town in Italy, is trying its best to erect a statue to Raphael, the master among painters, surnamed the Divine.

—"Peter's Pence" have been most lavishly brought to Rome as contributions from their flocks by the bishops at present assembled there.

—Scotland drinks one-third as much whiskey as England, though she has but one-sixth of the population.

—England doesn't know precisely how to take hold of the Fenian question.

—The Central West will be found in the next census, to contain about half the population of the United States.

—Lord Lyons *feted* Gen. Banks recently in Paris.

—Eugenie disposes of her cast off garments once a year at auction.

—Mr. Seward is sumptuously received in Mexico, than which nothing could be more to his taste for luxuries.

—A very strange "clerical error" of some sixty thousand dollars is said to be standing unexplained against the books of one of our city banks.

—It seems so long since Thanksgiving, there might have been time to raise another full crop of turkeys.

—Indiana is taking commendable measures to do more for her unfortunate idiotic and insane.

—Kerosene explosions are so common, they are regarded rather as humorous items.

—The Good Samaritans is the name—and a *good* one—of a new Temperance order just organized and on foot in this city.

—People have actually got so 'forehanded in Oregon that they are able to pay their regular taxes with ease.

—A marrying man in Indiana is now after his *sixth* wife. The first three died, and the next two ran away. He is a persevering man, and will try just once more.

—The senior partner of the *Boston Post*—Mr. William Beals—has recently entered upon his eighty-fifth birthday. That's what newspapers do for a man.

—America is renowned for the variety of its architecture. A state house in Maine is compared to a game of base ball, which is very distinct.

—The Census Bill finally passed the House.

—If a man is inclined to be benevolent with his funds, he is often teased by beggars till he concludes that charity does not pay.

—G. F. Train attempted a "preach" in New York last Sunday.

—A fog bell—the lady of Mr. Fogg.

—A well known old bachelor in New York city, has bequeathed $290,000, his entire fortune, to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

—There are eleven of the London theatres that have preaching on Sundays.

—The United States Government has leased the Bay of Samana for fifty years.

—The New Jerusalem Church, a stone edifice, has been burned at Waltham, the fire taking from an overheated register Saturday night.

—A lady contributes to the Fair at Music Hall a collection of sea shells, with familiar coast scenes around Plymouth painted on their edges.

—Some of the Boston clergymen, as well as their parishioners, are classed among the "late people" on Sundays.

—The estimated cost of opening Washington street to Haymarket square, and opening a branch through Portland street, is set down at a million, four hundred thousand dollars.

—Richard Whittington is to have a monument in London. The cats should "mute his praise."

—A hair rest orer—the thief who brings back stolen chignons.

—Commissioner Wells says in his recent report, that prices of all commodities have fallen heavily and permanently in the last two years, but the people have not yet felt the benefit of it.

Latest Foreign News.

BY TELEGRAPH.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Morning Telegraph, a liberal journal, has an editorial article to-day on the subject of the renewal of the reciprocity treaty, wherein it predicts some modification of the policy of Congress towards the Dominion of Canada, through the influence of Secretary Fish, who is a believer in free trade.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Advices from Madrid represent that the question of the sovereignty is rapidly approaching a definite and satisfactory solution. It is asserted that all the necessary measures have been taken to proclaim the Duke of Genoa King of Spain, and that a proclamation will be made soon after Christmas.

MADRID Dec. 15.—The Official Gazette publishes a decree restoring the constitutional guarantees which were suspended during the republican insurrection.

ROME, Dec. 16.—No uneasiness exists in regard to the health of the Pope. The recent decree providing for the election of a successor, should the Pope die during the session of the Council, was but a formality addressed to all the members of the Council. The statement that any modifications will be made in the regulations of the Council are incorrect. It is officially settled that no discussion on this point will be permitted.

MADRID, Dec. 16.—In the Cortes, to-day, a resolution to investigate the robbery of the Crown jewels was adopted by a vote of 150 to 5. Minister Fagneros, in his charge against ex-Queen Christina, said Isabella, in connection with the abstraction of these jewels.

PARIS Dec. 17.—The Emperor Napoleon has been suffering from illness for a few days past, but is now better.

Lord Lyons, the English Ambassador, gave a fete yesterday in honor of Gen. N. P. Banks. Gen. Banks will soon sail for New York

Queen Isabella, in a letter to the abdication of interrogation by the Cortes, denies that she carried away the crown jewels when she left Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 17.—The Cortes has adopted a resolution instructing the Committee on the Constitution to prepare the bill providing for the election of a monarch.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Times to-day has an editorial on the subject of the Suez Canal. The writer says there is a great interest felt in commercial circles in the possibility of another ship canal, deeper, wider, and less subject to fogs and sand drifts, through some of the Central American States, to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—M Lesseps, the engineer-in-chief of the Suez Canal, has been congratulated on the success of the work by the Emperor and Lord Clarendon.

ROME, Dec. 18.—The sessions of the Ecumenical Council will be resumed on Wednesday, the 6th of January. Another reason is given to-day for the adjournment. The Bishops are under the necessity of abandoning the cathedral of St. Peter on account of the dilapidated condition of the hall and have, therefore resolved to hold their sessions hereafter at another place, but which cannot be put in order for several days.

MADRID, Dec. 19.—Gen Prim publicly declares that there has been no change in the opinion of the Government or of the Cortes on the question of a monarchy. The Duke of Genoa will probably receive the crown, but should he decline it the Government will not favor the establishment of a Republic.

Marine Items.

WHALERS.

Capt McKenzie, late of barque Eagle, has shipped as master of barque Hercules, N. B., Honolulu. Capt Howland will return home.

Capt James Green has taken command of barque Janus, of N B, at Honolulu, and Capt Smith will return home.

Capt Williams, formerly of ship Florida, of San Francisco, has shipped as master of ship Hibernia, of N B.

Ships George Howland and Hibernia, of N B, at Honolulu, on the passage from the Arctic, fell in with spm whales. They being in company mated, taking 5 whs out of the school, making about 175 bbls.

Ship California, of N B, at Honolulu, had shipped 15 232 lbs bone by ship Ceylon.

Barque Active, of N B., at Honolulu, had shipped 630 bbls wh oil, by ship Rainbow, and will ship balance by barque Awashonks.

Barque Lagoda, of N B, at Honolulu, had shipped 11,776 lbs of bone by ship J L Dimmick, and would ship oil by the Magnet.

Barque Aurora, of N B., at Honolulu, had shipped 18,800 lbs bone by the J L Dimmick.

Barque Harvest, of N B, at Honolulu, had shipped 15,300 lbs of bone by the ship Rainbow.

Barque Benjamin Cummings, of N B, at Honolulu, had shipped 2300 lbs of bone by the ship Rainbow.

Barque Oliver Crocker, of N B, at Honolulu, had shipped 700 bbls wh oil, by ship Gay Head, and 15,000 lbs bone by ship J L Dimmick.

— Where are we now? is a child's question which all of us might continue to ask with profit, on the journey of life.

For Throat Diseases and Affections of the Chest, "BROWNS' BRONCHIAL TROCHES," or Cough Lozenges, are of great value. In Coughs, Irritation of the Throat caused by Cold or Unusual Exertion of the vocal organs, in speaking in public, or singing, they produce the most beneficial results. The Troches have *proved* their efficacy.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

THURSDAY, Dec. 23.

GOLD BONDS—SOLD "FLAT" $62 1/2 EXT.

6s	of 1881,	6	cent. int. payable Jan. and July.		110
5-20s	1864,	do	do do	do and Nov.	113
5-20s	1865,	do	do do	do do	112
do	1865,	do	do do	do and July	112
do	1867,	do	do do	do do	114
do	1868,	do	do do	do do	112
10-40		do	do do	March and Sept.	109

SPECIAL NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS SONG.

Air—" *Rory O'More.*"

Of Christmas we're singing, the sleigh bells are ringing,
And turkeys are plenty as flies in July.
Let us eat and be merry and drink our pale sherry,
To make ourselves happy right hard we will try;
But those who are old must remember 'tis cold,
Our children must surely be all warmly clad,
To RICHARDS' we'll go, for we all of us know
That he sells Clothing cheap, and we'll make the boys glad,
Twenty-three in Dock Square is his CLOTHIG BAZAAR:
For RICHARDS' Boys' Clothing, young lads, hurrah,
The'll fit you so nicely, and keep you so warm,
That you'll dance in the snow and laugh at the storm.
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THE CLOSING YEAR.

How quick the passing year has gone!
How grateful should we be,
Who're on its rapid current borne,
If we its call heed!
What is the e an so well become
Those who shall

ATTLE MARKET.

...rings at the Scales during the ...2,999 head, against 2420 last ...ffered 375 head came from Ohio, ...ntucky, 89 from Maryland, and ...by boat. ...mond were taken by Baltimore ...culators for other markets, 292 ...and about 300 head re-shipped ...g offered here and the balance ...

...ows: Old cows and sealwaxes ...thin steers, oxen and cows at ...stock cattle, $3.00@6 25, fair ...and the very best brevets $8 00 ...erage price being about $6 00 ...active at an advance of about ...of last week. ...ring the past week has been ...n Sheep, but there is a scarcity ...ce is declded improvement ...grass. ...been fully supplied during the ...me activity, but no change to ...anged as follows: Fair to good ...per 100 lbs net.

TTLE MARKET.

...e of shipping cattle continue ...t equal to the demand, and ...stock is comparatively scarce ...had some fancy bullocks beyes ...o year old Durhams brought ...ersing 1,850 lbs., sold as high ...veral droves ranged between ...strong demand for all descrip... ...and in the absence of Texas ...rule firm, if not to advance, ...le on sale, and as there is no ...m, we can give no satisfactory

...ays were $7.00@7.50 for good ...@6.50 lbs; $6 @6.75 for ...to 1,250 lbs., $5.00@5.75 for ...erating 1,150 to 1,250 lbs., 1,0... ...1.00 to 1,050 sell quick at ...ers of the same description ...cows and spayed heifers sell ...and one lot of this description ...Good fat cows range at $4@4 ...$3.25. Fat oxen will sell for ...A tough ox at $4.00@3.50. ...young calves range between ...stock selling as high as $100, ...between $35.00@40.00. Veal ...at $4.00@6.00, according to

...son throughout the West con... ...ue; and so far slaughtering is ...ket, but the light receipts here ...throughout the country would ...winter crop of hogs is mar... ...cking will close at an earlier ...close of the market on Tues... ...for stockers: $9.00@9.50 ...100 lbs. $9.25@9.50 for ...@9.50 for pigs ...$10.00@10.50 for hogs averaging ...grades, averaging 220 to 230 ...averages of 240 to 260 lbs., ...280 to 300 lbs., at $11.00@11 ...e is a good demand for fat ...grades will sell quick at ...at $9.00@9.50, and common ...on the holiday trade, aver... ...at $8.00 @ 100 lbs.

OL MARKET.

...es very much depressed, and ...be effected at low and unsa... ...ers, or those of undoubted ...ng up some great bargains in ...is selling in some cases, at a ...the ruling currency of last ...doing in the low and medi... ...not much wanted for present ...ock also large supplies, ...ding grades of pulled, which ...e prices. Manufacturers gen... ...anticipate that many will be ...money market, and especially ...ar. But in view of the great ...fibers, some of the finest are ...lock," as they did at the ...ar, and piling up considerable ...

...mmodity at prices so low that ...ble extra ohm and ...51c, is unquestionably a safe ...ating trade in products, prices ...ohm reasonably be expected, ...ire a good profit on it. The ...le grades of wool to go lower ...and with stocks reduced to an ...ss, the chances are more than ...ate in market value long be... ...to accumulate, but only the ...to any extent. Short stapled ...ower fibers. Extra Ohio and ...and Canada a shade easier with ...ts mostly continue to arrive, ...e filed to clear. Pulled wools ...ls are selling to a moderate ...grades are dull and unsettled

FISH MARKET.

...ll stock and market very en... ...ot to note, held $27 and $28 ...a few small lots at $7 @ 9 ...ed, $7 @ 7 75 @ 8 ...75 @ 9 ...now held at $8.

...—Advertiser.

F STOCKS.

...s for the Ploughman.

...ds	1301
...ds	1174
...ds	111
...ds	103
...ds	114
...ds	108
...ds	108

...for the Ploughman.

CHEN MARKET.

...ding Dec. 24, 1869.

PRICES.

CY MARKET.

Pork, Lard, &c.

Corrected by Flint & Rich...
No. 28 ...

Fresh Pork, ...@	16@17
Clear Salt Strips,	18@20
Sliced Ham,	@...
Sliced Ham,	19@21
Corned Shoulders,	13@14
Brisketts,	@14
Salt Shoulders,	@14
Corned Hams,	13@14
Mess Pork,	@...
Pigs' Feet,	@10
Lard,	@...

Veal and Mutton

Corrected by Hiscock & Son, ...
Nos. 9 and 11.

Veal, Leg,	12@25
Veal, Cutlet,	@17
Spring Lamb,	@23
Mutton, Leg,	@...
Mutton, Shoulder,	@...

Fruit & Vegetables.

Corrected by Hoand, Smith & Co., Nos. 97 & 99.

FRUIT.

Eating Apples, pk	75@1 50
Cooking Apples	50@ 75
Pears, choice, pk	@1 00
Pears, cook, pk	@1 00
Pears, table, doz	75@1 50
Peaches,	@...
Dried Apples, lb	@...
Dried Peaches,	@...
Quinces,	@...
Oranges, Havana	@...
Oranges, Messina,	@...
" doz	@...
Lemons,	@...
Cocoanuts, each	@...
Chestnuts, pk	@1 50
Huckleberries, pk	@1 00
Blackberries, pk	@1 00

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, bushel,	60@ 90
Beets, peck,	@...
Carrots, bushel,	@...
Turnips, bushel,	@...
Onions, peck,	@...
Tomatoes, can	@...
Squashes, lb	@...
Cabbages, each	@...
Parsnips, bushel	@...
Sweet Potatoes,	@...
Cranberries, bush	@...
Vegetable Oysters,	@...

New Advertisements.

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CHRISTMAS EVE.

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The Christmas trees are lighted in many homes to-night;
And little hearts are dancing with pleasure and delight;
And little eyes are watching the shadows on the wall,
Where gifts are faintly shadow'd from tapers in the hall.

The "old folks," too, are happy to see the children's joy;
And grandpa in his dotage becomes again a boy
He still remembers childhood, ere bow'd by grief or care.
And says I've had *my* pleasure, I'm glad that they have *theirs*.

The winds roar up the chimney impatient to be free,
What care the happy children around the Christmas tree?
The tapers dance and flicker, and by its waving light
They count the wreaths of myrtle, and holly berries bright;

They count the aunts and uncles, who've come from far away,
With scores of little cousins scarce known until to-day.
Such shouts of mirth and laughter, who sees a sweeter sight
Than is the happy greeting in many homes to-night.

And now the tallest uncle whoever he may be,
Must take the Christmas presents from off the Christmas tree.
What mirth and fun and frolic is heard from each and all,
As a single bashful uncle receives a large wax doll.

A game of blind man's buff now is played by old and young;
'Till little ones grew weary, then "Old Lang Syne" is sung;
Now comes the sad, sad parting, though much it gives them pain;
A hearty kiss and then good bye 'till Christmas comes again.

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A CHRISTMAS STORY.

"At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year."

Chapter I.

It was Christmas Eve.

At Farmer Vane's the festival was being kept in the merriest way, by aid of a grand Christmas Tree, a supper, music and dancing. The kind hearted farmer looked in upon the young folks and their fun, from the parlor doorway, and said laughingly to his wife and grandmama, that "from sturdy Joe down to baby Charley they were the happiest crowd he had seen for a long while, and that he thought Lu and Arthur Ellison would make a match of it, and he was right glad, for Arthur was a fine young fellow and worthy even *their* peerless Lu." A merry game of blindman's buff was being enacted and Arthur was the victim of the handkerchief, and bent on capturing pretty Lu Vane, if one might judge by the wonderful dexterity he displayed in following her, and always keeping sufficient ly near to make her eyes dance and her cheeks burn, with anticipatory meeting of the forfeit she must pay, if he *should* catch her, as there was every probability that he would, if she failed to keep herself on the alert.

Baby Charlie's ire was at length excited by the number of times Arthur had fingered his face and pronounced him Joe or Fred, and he began to cry.

"Oh! don't Baby!" cried rosy Lu, entirely forgetting the dangerous proximity of the blind man, when she was grasped by him, the forfeit demanded and duly appreciated.

A kiss stopped Charlie's tears, and Lu was blindfolded.

A knock at the front door took Mr. Vane and his wife from the joyous scene, but brought no interruption to the game until Mr. Vane, coming back, exclaimed hurriedly, to "Arthur, a messenger just from Elsie Town seeing a look of alarm spreading among the children, added,

"A poor woman half starved and frozen has come to our door with a little sick child, and we think Dr. Lee had better see them at once."

Lu did not return to the parlor till the doctor's arrival, then she went back pale and tearful. "Oh, Arthur it is such a cruel, cruel story. She had to run away from her husband to save her life. He tried to poison her. And she is so beautiful! with long golden hair, white skin and violet eyes. She won't tell his name, for she says he was kind to her once. But mama thinks she will die. Oh, isn't it dreadful, Arthur?" and kind hearted little Lu went over the pitiful tale.

"The wretch!" cried Arthur indignantly. "The cowardly, murderous rascal. Oh, Lu, my darling, and he threw his arms around her and clasped her to his heart, "give me a right to cherish and protect you forever, that no cruel treatment may ever dim your bright eyes and hush your sweet, sweet voice."

And Lu, clinging to him had let him kiss her pale tear stained face, and soothe and caress her fondly, calling her his darling, his love, his own sweet Lu.

Christmas morning dawned clear and bright, but the farm house was hushed and still; yet not so still as the form of the weary wanderer who had sought its shelter in the night. Oh! the wondrous depth and strength of woman's love!

She had passed away, faithful to the last, refusing to give her husband's name, but convince Lu of his worthlessness. The child would suffer, but the lesson would be good for her, she was too high strung, too susceptible to flattery and too headstrong, but notwithstanding, she was a dear, good girl, she loved Arthur, and Mrs. Vane could not bear the thought of the terrible suffering Lu would bring upon herself if Arthur did not prove faithful to her in this trial.

Arthur's practical good sense at once proved that the course proposed by Mrs. Vane was the best to pursue, so he swallowed his pride and resentment, and helped about the Christmas tree and hung festoons of evergreen as gaily as if he were trimming the room for his own wedding.

Mrs. Vane was reinspecting the Christmas goodies for the last time; grandmama sat by the window finishing a handsome scarlet sash for Lu, while a blue one for fair, golden haired Elsie lay completed in her lap. Arthur was cracking nuts with Fred, and little Elsie stood with Charlie, looking on with great interest. Lu had been arranging the tree with her father, and an errand took her to the kitchen. She thought she had never seen so happy and homelike a scene. Suddenly there was a change.

Her father came into the room followed by Mr. Warner and Joe Vane.

Arthur's face grew black. Lu stood abashed and confused. All the others looked at Elsie, who had never seen Lu's friend. The child glanced up laughingly from Arthur's face, started violently, turned deathly white, and with a shriek of terror and a convulsive shudder, sprang into Mrs. Vane's arms, clinging to her and praying with gasps and sobs.

"Oh, do not let him hurt me as he hurt mama!"

"Elsie, darling," cried Mrs. Vane, frightened by the child's excessive emotion, "nobody shall harm you!"

"Father, mother, do you want more proof or stronger?" asked Joe, stepping forward.

"Louise, do you know the scoundrel, for whom you have slighted Arthur? It is Edgar Warner. Elsie's father and the betrayer and murderer of the poor unfortunate woman, who came to us a year ago to-night."

Warner had scowled with dismay and hatred at poor trembling little Elsie. He now turned to Lu.

"Is this my reception Louise?"

But the girl turned from him with scorn and loathing; while her father exclaimed,

"Sir, you will not presume to address my daughter."

"So," he answered angrily, with a malignant sneer, "then I will take *my* daughter, come to me, Elsie"

"Stay!" cried Joe, with a voice of authority. "For our own sakes we wish to keep this matter to ourselves, but rather than have Elsie suffer by Louise's folly, we will arrest you for the attempted murder of your unhappy wife."

"You are welcome to the child if you want her," cried Warner, a guilty fear seizing his false heart. "My God! how like she is to her mother," he murmured.

Then as a breath of better nature stirred his breast, he advanced to the child. "Elsie, I will leave you here. I shall never see you again. Kiss me, child!" The white trembling lips were raised to his, but one little hand held fast to Mrs. Vane. Her father noticed the distrust of him. He snatched her to his breast, kissed her twice, and placing her gently in Mrs. Vane's lap, without one look at conscience stricken Lu, he left the house, and was never seen or heard from again.

Not a word of reproach was spoken to Lu. The lesson had been sufficiently severe. Only kindness and love met her at every turn, but she dared not look at Arthur.

"Now let us to the tree!" called Mr. Vane's cheery voice. "Come Elsie; hallo! what's all this blue finery? a sash? to make Charlie's or Freddy's heart ache? Lu, my darling, play a lively march on your piano, and we'll go in, in style, but first, we must all remember that this festival is to celebrate the beginning of 'Peace on earth and good will.'"

"Louise," whispered Arthur, "if you love me, we will renew our promise of last year."

"Oh! Arthur," she murmured, with her eyes brimful of tears, "you are so good, so good!"

That was a wonderful Christmas tree. "Cram full," as Charlie said, "of splendid presents."

But I think the wedding of Arthur and Lu which occurred soon after, was quite as great and interesting an occasion with them all, as the Christmas Festival.

THE MAN WHO MAY BE EXPECTED TO LIVE LONG.

He has a proper and well proportioned stature, without, however, being too tall. He is rather of the middle size, and somewhat thick set. His complexion is not too florid; at any rate, too much ruddiness in youth is seldom a sign of longevity. His hair approaches rather to the fair than to the black. His skin is strong, but not rough. His head is not too big; he has large veins in the extremities; his shoulders are round rather than flat. His neck is not too long; his abdomen does not project; his hands are large but not deeply cleft. His foot is rather thick than long; and his legs are firm and round. He has a broad, arched chest, a strong voice, and the faculty of retaining his breath for a long time without difficulty. There is harmony in all his parts. His senses are good, but not too delicate; his pulse is slow and regular. His stomach is excellent; his appetite good, and digestion easy. The joys of the table are not to him of importance; they tune his mind to serenity, and his soul partakes in the pleasure which they communicate. He does not eat merely for the sake of eating, but each meal is an hour of daily festivity. He eats slowly, and has not too much thirst; the latter being always a sign of rapid self consumption. He is serene, loquacious, active, susceptible of joy, love and hope, but insensible to the impressions of hatred, anger, and avarice. His passions never become violent or destructive. If ever he gives way to anger, he experiences rather a useful glow of warmth, an artificial and gentle fever, without an overflowing of the bile. He is fond also of employment, particularly calm meditation and agreeable speculations. He is an optimist, a friend to nature and domestic felicity. He has no thirst after honor or riches, and banishes all thoughts of to-morrow.—*Hufeland, the Physiologist.*

A JUDICIOUS WIFE.

A judicious wife is always snipping from her husband's moral nature little twigs that are growing in a wrong direction. She keeps him in shape by continual pruning. If you say anything silly, she will affectionately tell you so. If you declare you will do some absurd thing, she will find means of preventing you doing it. And by far the chief part of all the common sense there is in this world, belongs unquestionably to woman. The wisest things a man commonly does are those which his wife councils him to do. A wife is the grand wielder of the moral pruning knife. If Johnson's wife had lived, there would have been no hoarding up of orange peel, no chuckling at the fronts in walking along the streets, no eating and drinking with a disgusting voracity. If Oliver Goldsmith had been married, he would never have worn that memorable and ridiculous coat. Whenever you find a man, whom you know little about, oddly dressed, or talking absurdly, or exhibiting any eccentricity of manner, you may be tolerably sure that he is not a married man; for the corners are rounded off—the little shoots are pared away—in married men. Wives have generally much more sense than their husbands, especially when their husbands are clever men. The wife's advices are like bailast that keeps the ship steady; they are the wholesome shears, snipping off little growth of self conceit.—*Selected.*

OUR PRAYERS HEREAFTER.

In eternity it will be a terrible thing for many a man to meet his own prayers. Their very language will condemn him; for he knew his desires and his need. The fervent prayers which the good man has offered up make effectual will be "shining ones" in white raiment to conduct their author into the banqueting house of the Great King.—But the falsehood uttered at the throne of grace will live again as a tormenting scorpion in the day of the Lord's appearing. "He not rash with thy mouth, nor let thy heart be hasty to utter anything before God," is an objection that forbids more than irreverence in prayer. It forbids us, by implication, to ask for that which we do not sincerely de sire. Above all, it forbids the asking of those blessings which we are hindering by our neglect, or thwarting by our selfishness and unbelief.

LOVE.

Wherever love hath trodden—there
Affliction comes—a kindred power,
So twines the weed around the flower,
So poison taints the odorous air,
It is the charter of our birth,
That hope and joy with fleeting smile
Should bless our pilgrimage awhile,
But find no resting place on earth;
Each is alike withheld or given
'To fit us for their home—their heaven.

—*Dale.*

ATTACHMENT OF A WIFE.

Daniel Webster once said: There is nothing upon this earth that can compare with the faithful attachment of a wife; no creature who, for the object of her love, is so indomitable, so persevering, so ready to suffer and die. Under the most depressing circumstances, woman's weakness becomes a mighty power, her timidity becomes fearful courage, all her shrinking and sinking passes away, and her spirit acquires the firmness of marble—adamantine firmness—when circumstances drive her to put forth all her energies under the inspiration of her affections.

☞ Used with due abstinence, hope acts as a healthful tonic; intemperately indulged, as an enervating opiate. The visions of future triumph, which at first animate exertion, if dwelt upon too intently, will usurp the place of the stern reality; and noble objects will be contemplated, not for their own inherent worth, but on account of the day dreams they engender. Thus hope, aided by imagination, makes one man a hero, another a somnambulist, and a third a lunatic, while it renders them all enthusiasts.

☞ At the close of the last meeting between Napoleon and Josephine, he took her hand and looking tenderly at her said, "Josephine, I have been as fortunate as any man upon the earth. But in this hour, when a storm is gathering over me, I have none but you in the wide world upon whom I can repose."

Anecdotes.

A DIFFICULT LESSON.—A youth not yet half way between the cradle and his teens, was studying his Sunday school lesson with his father, when the subject happened to be upon the creation of Adam and Eve. The kind parent proceeded to enlighten his boy's mind upon the subject by telling him that Adam was made out of the dust of the earth, and that Eve was made out of one of Adam's ribs. "Are all women made in that way?" asked the hopeful son. "No, my boy," was the rejoinder. "I don't see," continued the inquisitive youth, "how God could make a woman out of a rib." "I don't know how he could do it; it was a miracle," responded the father. "All questions you can't answer, you call miracles, don't you, papa?" persisted the tender bud. The father subsided.

☞ A Western stump orator, in the course of one of his speeches remarked: "If the Parsyfix Ocean war an inkstand, gentlemen, and the hull clouded canopy of heaven and the level ground of our yearth wor a sheet of papur, I couldn't begin to write my love of country on it!"

"You say the deceased settled here. What do you mean by settled?" "Well, he was born here, got married here, and they buried him here, and if that wasn't settling him then I'm no judge."

☞ A wag, speaking of a man whose important air in the street attracted a great deal of notice, remarked that his "bump of self-esteem was so prominent that he could not keep his hat on his head in a windy day."

☞ A negro who was caught robbing a her roost excused himself by saying that he "only came dar to see if de chickens sleep wid dere eyes open."

☞ In a street in London, is the following sign: "Mesars F ——, Eradicetors of Bugs to the Royal Family."

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CHRISTMAS PIES—*Crust.*—Twelve cups of flour, two of butter and two of lard, mixed with ice water. Chop the flour, butter and lard together with a chopping-knife, then add the water and a little salt. Do not touch it with the hands; use as little flour in rolling it out for the plate as possible.

Mince.—Three pounds of beef, three pounds of apple, two pounds of stoned raisins, chopped fine, three pounds of sugar, one do, of citron, two do. currants, one quart of wine, one pint of brandy, two tablespoons of salt, two of allspice, two of cloves, one of cinnamon, one nutmeg, add sweet cider enough to make it very damp. Lay a few thin slices of butter over the mince as the plates are filled.

CHRISTMAS CAKE.—One pound of sugar, one do. of butter, eight eggs, three and a half pounds of flour, one quart of molasses, one pint of cream, two teaspoons saleratus, dissolved in the molasses, one tablespoon ground cloves, one of cinnamon, two nutmegs, three pounds stoned raisins, one of citron. Bake in three loaves. If well *frosted* it will keep good all winter.

Frosting.—Two cups of powdered sugar, the juice of half a lemon, one tablespoonful of water, one teaspoon of starch powdered fine; put these ingredients into a pan, or something that can be placed in boiling water. When this is thoroughly warm, add the whites of two eggs beaten half as much as for cake; stir it constantly until it thickens a little, then take it from the hot water, add a few drops of the essence of lemon, stir until cold, then put it smoothly on the cake.

CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDING.—Two cups bread crumbs, two cups sugar, two cups butter, one cup of wine, eight eggs, two tablespoonfuls of cinnamon, allspice, cloves, each, and one nutmeg, two cups of stoned raisins and one of currants, three ounces citron.—To be eaten without sauce when cold.

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